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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

RE: Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection, 2015

WC Docket No. 14-58

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to section 54.422(c) of the Commission's Rules, ¹ Custer Telephone Broadband Services, LLC (the "Company"), a Lifeline-only ETC, hereby submits a copy of its "FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form," as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company. A copy is also being submitted to the appropriate state regulatory commission as further required by section 54.422(c).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Salvatore Taillefer, Ir

Counsel to Custer

Telephone Broadband Services, LLC

¹ 47 CFR §54.422.

FCC For	m 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form			FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060- July 2013	.0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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					54.313 54.422 Completion Completion
ANNUA	L REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS				Required Required (check box when complete)
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting		(complete attached wo	orksheet)	(check box when complete)
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice)		(complete attached wo	orksheet)	✓
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<300>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)			_	
<310>	Detail on Attempts (voice)				
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<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband)		(complete attached v	vorksheet)	
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	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification		(if yes, complete attached v	vorksheet)	
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) O			
	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	\sim			
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) U			
<112>	voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your of FTC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only	ompany is a			
	CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.				
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	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confit that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall I submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	rm 2-year	ame of Attached Document		
	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets				
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(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
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(710) Broadband Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form			FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves		
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Na	me of Attached Document
If your o	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes		
	rm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920,		
demons	trates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to	Select	
§ 54.31	3(a)(9) includes:	Yes or No or	
<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.	Not Applicable	
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<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements		
	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules		
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	pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).	L	
\1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	kbps	

Lifeline	rms and Condition for Lifeline Customers ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB July 2013	Control No. 3060-0819
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or the we	heck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1: obsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to (a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must report:			
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	/		
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	/		
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	1		

Data Colle	ice Cap Carrier Additional Documentation ection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
ncluding	Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2013
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<2011a>	3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}	
<2011b>	Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}	Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information
	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))	
<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1))	
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<2014>		
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}	
<2016>	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d)) Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	
	Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))	
<2017>	Sta year broadband Service Certification	
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<2020>	 Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on lir pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support s addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing preceding calendar year. 	rovide the number, names, and
	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	
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CHECK t	he boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuan CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that th	t to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring or e information reported on this form and in the documents attache	
(3010)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Informat	iion
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(3011)	Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3 § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addre providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	or 2 contains the required mormanon pursuant to ssees of community anchor institutions to which began	
(3012)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii))		
(3013) (3014)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier [47 CFR § 54.313{f}(2)] If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No) (Yes/No)	38
Please	check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017	7. contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2)) compliance requires:
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		
(3016)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Ca	sh Flows	
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation		
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No)	
(3010)	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to	,,,,,,,	
(3019)	confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § $54.313(f)(2)$, contains Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a fo	ormat comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications	s [
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of C	ash Flows	
(3021)	Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified po	ublic accountant that performed the company's financial audit	
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications		
(3023)	Borrowers, Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified		
(3024)	public accountant Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		
(3025)		ash Flows	
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information		

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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	Study Area Name Program Year Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>

Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	,
(3034) Dividends	

Certification - Reporting Carrier	FCC Form 481	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

l certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier: Custer Telephone Broadband Services LLC

479019

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/29/2015

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Dennis Thornock

Title or position of Authorized Officer: President

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2088792281 ext.17

Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015 Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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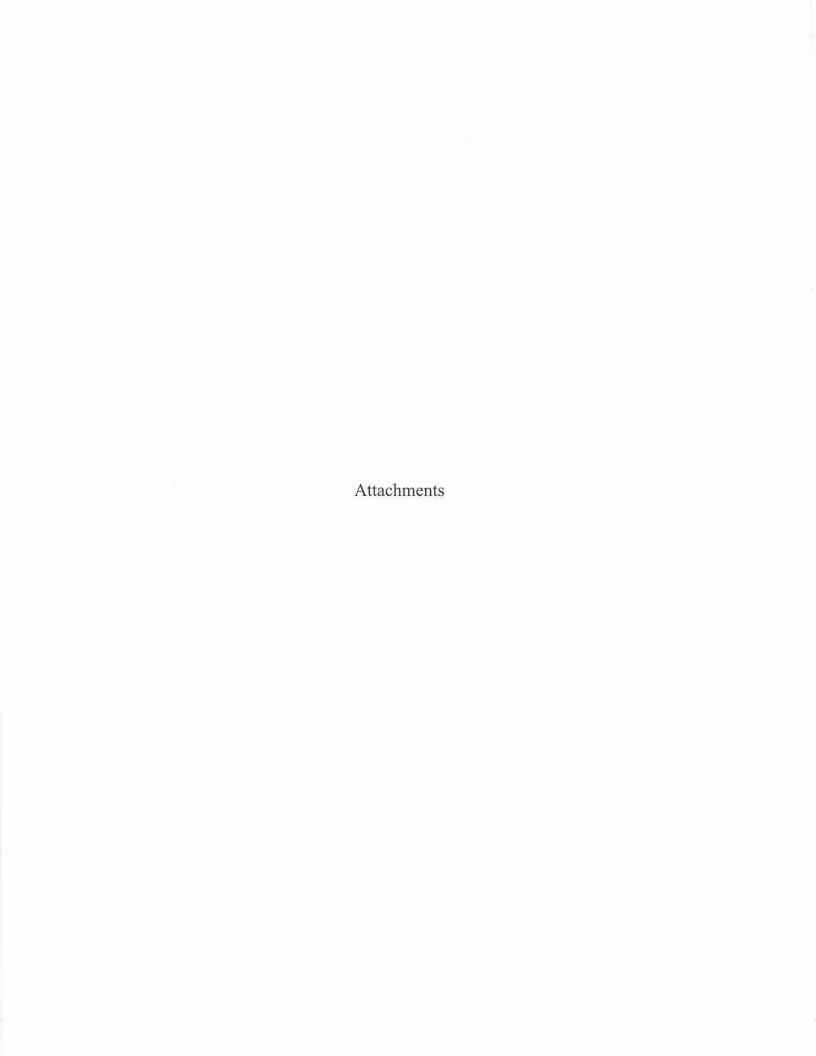
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> dennis@custertel.net

I certify that (Name of Agent)	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier.			
also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorize agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.				
Name of Authorized Agent:				
Name of Reporting Carrier:				
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:			
Printed name of Authorized Officer:				
Title or position of Authorized Officer:				
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:				
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:			

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.				
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:				
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:		Date:		
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:				
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	t			
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Ag	gent:			
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this for	m:		



Custer Tel. Cooperative 2015 Form 481 479019ID310

No Attachment

As indicated by Line 300, Custer Telephone Broadband Services LLC had no unfulfilled requests for voice service. Accordingly, Line 310 is not required and should not have any documents attached.

Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

Custer Telephone Broadband Services LLC ("Custer") understands and complies with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's *Telephone Customer Relations Rules*, IDAPA 31.41.01, adopted under the general legal authority of the Public Utilities Law, Chapters 1 through 7, Title 61, Idaho Code, and the Telecommunications Act of 1988, Chapter 6, Title 62, Idaho Code, with regards to service.

These telephone customer relations rules provide a set of fair, just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory rules regarding deposits, guarantees, billing, application for service, denial of service, termination of service, complaints to telephone companies, billing for interrupted service, and provisions of certain information about customer to authorities.

Custer implements the *Telephone Consumer Relation Rules* through the terms and conditions set forth in its tariff, and through its standard company operating procedures, which is readily available to the public at their Headquarters office.

Custer also complies with Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) and Red Flag rules through established operating procedures. A description of Custer's CPNI procedures is filed annually with the FCC.

Functionality in Emergency Situations

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a) (6) and/or 47 C.F.R § 54.422(b) (4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) (2) Custer Telephone Broadband Services LLC meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to Custer Telephone's central and or remote office(s) by use of fixed generator and batteries that provide it with 120 hours of emergency power service. In addition, Custer Telephone's field electronics have 8 hours of back-up power by use of fixed/mobile generators and batteries. Custer Telephone has equipped its remote offices/and or field gear, with Emergency Stand Alone technology that will provide for call completion and access to 911 in emergency situations. Custer Telephone is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

Lifeline

What Is The Telephone Assistance Program?

Financial assistance is available in Idaho to help qualified low-income individuals pay for telephone service. The Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) offers a \$2.50 discount on monthly telephone bills. A separate program – the Federal Communication Commission's Life line program (Lifeline) offers a monthly discount of \$9.25. ITSAP provides a communication "lifeline" to those who might not otherwise be able to afford telephone service. It also enhances the value of service for everyone by increasing the number of people who can be reached by telephone. A small surcharge is



applied to every Idaho telephone line each month to reimburse local telephone companies for the cost of state discounts under ITSAP. The surcharge is waived for customers receiving the ITSAP discount. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) reviews the surcharge annually and may increase or decrease the surcharge.

Who Is Eligible?

Any residential customer who meets program-based or income-based eligibility criteria. To find out if you are eligible contact the Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership.

The assistance provides the following discounts:

Landline:

- Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Credit \$2.50
- Lifeline FCC End User Charger Credit \$6.50
- Federal Lifeline Credit \$2.75

How Do I Apply For Assistance?

In order to receive benefits, you must apply for these programs with the Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP) office. Website link and local address is listed below. EICAP will work with you and Custer Telephone to recertify you for the program each year; failure to recertify will terminate your eligibility for program benefits.

- Apply at the Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership office.
- If you are eligible, your name and telephone number will be forwarded to Custer Telephone or your local service provider if different than Custer Telephone.
- The monthly discount will begin by your next billing period if your name and number match the telephone company's records.

Do I Need To Apply Every Year?

Yes. Your eligibility must be renewed each year.

If you have questions regarding ITSAP, please contact Custer Telephone or the Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership.

Lifeline is a government assistance program; the service is non-transferable, only eligible consumers may enroll in the program, and the program is limited to one discount per household.

Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership 955 Riverfront Drive Suite A Salmon, ID 83467 208.756.3999 http://www.eicap.org/

Lifeline Service Terms

Custer Telephone Broadband Services LLC is a quality telecommunications service provider who provides basic and enhanced services at reasonable rates within its service territory. Basic Residential service is offered at the following rate:

	Monthly Rates Charges	One-Time Non-Recurring
Single Party Residence Service	\$16.00	\$18.00
The following fees apply in addition to the above monthly rates: Network Access Fee Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) Idaho Universal Service Fund (ID USF) Lemhi County 911 Fee Federal Excise Tax Federal Universal Service Fund	\$6.50 \$0.01 \$0.16 \$1.25 \$0.71 \$1.13	
Single Party Residential Service Total Federal Lifeline Credit Idaho Telephone Assistance Program Credit Single Party Universal Life Line Service Monthly Rate*	\$25.76 (\$9.25) (\$2.50)	\$18.00

^{*}Discounted basic service rates and free Toll-Blocking are available to those that qualify for Universal Life Line Service.

The above rates include the following:

- Local Calling
- Touch Tone Capability
- Access to Operator Services
- Directory Assistance and Inter-Change Service Providers
- Voice Grade Access to the Public Switched Network
- Free Access to 800 and 800-like Toll Free Services
- One Free Directory Listing
- Free Access to a Business Office and Free Access to the Idaho Relay Service by Dialing 711

Emergency 911 Service. Surcharge for 911 services are assessed according to Government assessments

Long Distance is not included.

Long Distance rate is ten cents (\$0.10) per minute

Custer Telephone Broadband Services LLC offers basic services to all customers within its service territory.

For additional detail on any of these services, please contact our business office at 208.756.4111 or toll-free 866.879.2281.